

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A call processor for controlling an outbound call using outbound call rule information, the call processor comprising:

a memory that stores the outbound call rule information, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call; and

a sender that sends at least one call processor message based on action information in response to a switch message when condition information is satisfied, the switch message being received from a switch in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the call processor message being sent to the switch for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

wherein each rule is comprised of at least a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

25. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 24,

wherein the condition information comprises at least one condition related to at least a portion of the dialed number.

26. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises information related to forwarding the
outbound call to a number other than the dialed number.
27. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises information related to submitting a
personal identification (PIN) number.
28. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises information related to sending a page to
a paging device.
29. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises information related to disallowing the
outbound call.
30. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises information related to prepending at
least one prefix number to a dialed number sequence.
31. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,
wherein the action information comprises a dial-around code, and

wherein the action further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier associated with the dial-around code.

32. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 25,

wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of actions.

33. (Previously Presented) The call processor of claim 24,

wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of conditions.

34. (Currently Amended) The call processor of claim 24,

wherein the outbound call rule information comprises a plurality of rules.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an outbound call using outbound call rule information, comprising:

storing the outbound call rule information, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call;

sending at least one call processor message based on action information in response to a switch message when condition information is satisfied, the switch message being received from a switch in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the call processor message being sent for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

wherein each rule is comprised of at least a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35,

wherein the switch initiates an action based on the action information in response to receiving the call processor message.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether at least a portion of the dialed number satisfies at least one condition of the outbound call rule information.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37,

wherein the switch forwards the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

receiving a personal identification number (PIN) based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37,

wherein a page is sent to a paging device based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

41. (Currently Amended) The method-~~of claim~~ of claim 37,

wherein the outbound call is disallowed based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

42. (Currently Amended) The method-~~of claim~~ of claim 37,

wherein at least one prefix number is prepended to a dialed number sequence based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36,

wherein the action information further comprises a dial-around code, and
wherein the initiating further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier associated with the dial-around code.

44. (Currently Amended) The method-~~of claim~~ of claim 35,

wherein the switch initiates a plurality of actions based on the action information of the rule.

45. (Currently Amended) The method-~~of claim~~ of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies a plurality of conditions of the rule.

46. (Currently Amended) The method-~~of claim~~ of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies conditions of a plurality of rules.